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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A WEB-BASED ACTIVE VIRTUAL FILE SYSTEM**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action, dated July, 26, 2002, the time for response being extended by three months (extended due date December 26, 2002), please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**" It is submitted that the amendments and remarks presented below place the application in form for allowance.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract with the following:

A computerized file system is provided that is accessible by users over the Internet or other type of network, in which certain "triggering events" pertaining to the operation of the file system automatically generate a notification message to certain of the users. Once a user has been properly authenticated, this user's access rights are determined to see whether the user can read, write, or read/write files on the file server of the file system, and these rights also determine if the user may download files from or upload files to the file server. An Automatic Notification